

**NEWINGTON PARKS & RECREATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, April 8, 2014**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Don Woods called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

II. ROLL CALL

Board: Eileen Francolino, Mary Udice, Richard Khentigan, Ed Marchion, Ken Leggo, Bill DeBlasio, Don Woods

Board Members Absent: Robert Fresen, Jen Win-Johnson, Kathy Zolad

Staff: Superintendent Bruce Till

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF March 11, 2014

Rich Khentigan made a motion to approve the amended minutes of the March 11, 2014 meeting. Mary Udice seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

Amended from March 11, 2014: Richard Khentigan's name was misspelled all references to him have been changed from Ritch to Rich.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

V. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

Concussion Legislation: Bruce has read the legislature and it is something will have an impact on the parks and rec programs in the future.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Golf Tournament: Scheduled for May 12, 2014. More golfers are signing up and the contract has been signed with Indian Hill and all of the logistics with the golf tournament is all set. Main concern right now is sponsorship. Major sponsorship is down this year. Michelle is looking for new sponsors through the Chamber of Commerce business listing. Bruce has a meeting with Dick's Sporting Goods to see if they would like to be a major sponsor for the tournament. Major sponsorship is a \$1,000.00 donation.

Indian Hill updates: Bruce has been in negotiations meetings with the Town Manager, Finance Director, Town Assessor of Newington and the Greens chair and their committee of Indian Hill Golf Course. They have come to an agreement on what Indian Hill has to do now, town council has signed it. Bruce will be meeting with Wayne, the golf pro at Indian Hill in the near future to work on marketing incentives to increase the revenue at the golf course and restaurant. Also Parks and Rec will be guiding the golf club on how to operate their programs through a monthly meeting with Bruce.

Community Center: Bruce passed out copies of the latest proposed design for the Community Center. The number is still going back and forth, soft costs will be covered by the CIP and will

not be bonded, ie: furnishings and equipment. Bruce suggested heads of the youth organizations, volunteers and other parks and recreation program groups to come to the building committee meetings to have their voice heard to show support and how important the new community center is for the town. Eileen mentioned that the parks and rec department should bring data and facts regarding building usage to the building committee meeting to let people know a new building and two gyms are needed. Needs assessment was done and presented to Castle Boos, the parks and rec department is working on numbers to present as well. Bruce had meetings with baseball, soccer and lacrosse groups to reassure them that they will not be losing two fields and that the fields will be relocated on mill pond property. The next building committee meeting is in 3 weeks (end of April).

Mill Pond Gazebo: Bruce has site plan for gazebo at mill pond. Bruce is keeping the existing gazebo until the new structure is installed in case there are any problems because it is needed for summer concerts. The new gazebo will be located north of the existing gazebo. New exercise equipment (approx. 6 pieces) will also be installed and is useful for all age groups, ADA accessible. The new fitness equipment is non-hydraulic (low maintenance) equipment runs by body weight.

Extravaganza

The staff is working very diligently on everything and it is looking good.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Ice Cream Vendor: Bruce has contracts ready for Nick Zindros. Good guy to work with, good service.

Mill Pond Tennis: Contracts ready tennis program to go forward with Robert Dean.

VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: A motion was made by Ken Leggo to adjourn. Bill DeBlasio seconded the motion, all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm with a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jay